Handling of Foodgrains situation

5306. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFARIS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(e) whether it is a fact that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on food, Civil Supplies and Public Distribution has criticized Government's handling of the foodgrains situation in the country;

(a) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken Government to address the criticism?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will belaid on the Table of the House.

Precautions to stop anti-India activities in Afghanistan

5307. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(b) the helps being offered/provided by India to Afghanistan to make it a self-relient country;

(a) the financial burden on this account; and

(c) the precautions India propose to take so that anti-India activites are not re-emerged in Afghanistan through regrouping of Taliban etc.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAJRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c)The government is offering extensive humanitarian ■■r-d other assistance to Afghanistan in various fields. During the visit of H.E. Mr. Hamid Karzai, Chairman of the Afghan Interim Administration, the areas of Health, Education, Information Technology, Industrial Development, Public Transport and Training were identified as prioirity areas and Indian assistance to Afghanistan. Government has announced a-ine of credit of US$ 100 million for various reconstruction projects m Afghanistan. Government has also announced grants of US$ 21.5 miUion rollers for utilization by the Afghan government.